Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-6 (Canceled).

7. (Currently Amended) A fuel injector for direct injection of fuel into a combination chamber of an internal combustion engine, the fuel injector comprising:

a nozzle body; and

at least one retaining flange situated on the nozzle body and projecting radially beyond the nozzle body, the at least one retaining flange having a working surface for a hold-down device and a seating surface for positioning on a cylinder head of the engine, the at least one retaining flange extending over only a portion of a periphery perimeter of the fuel injector.

- 8. (Previously Presented) The fuel injector according to claim 7, wherein the at least one retaining flange includes two retaining flanges situated opposite one another.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The fuel injector according to claim 8, wherein <u>each of</u> the retaining flanges <u>are is</u> made as <u>a</u> separate <u>components</u> <u>component</u> and <u>are is</u> joined to the nozzle body in one of an integral and a friction-locking manner.
- 10. (Currently Amended) The fuel injector according to claim 9, wherein <u>each of</u> the retaining flanges <u>are is</u> welded to the nozzle body.
- 11. (Previously Presented) The fuel injector according to claim 8, wherein each of the retaining flanges is made in one piece with the nozzle body.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The fuel injector according to claim 8, wherein each of the retaining flanges covers an angular range of about 45° in a peripheral direction.